

**164.7874 Definitions for KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885.**

As used in KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885:

- (1) "Academic term" means a semester or other time period specified in an administrative regulation promulgated by the council;
- (2) "Academic year" means a period consisting of at least the minimum school term, as defined in KRS 158.070;
- (3) "ACT score" means the composite score achieved on the American College Test at a national test site on a national test date or an equivalent score, as determined by the council, on the Scholastic Assessment Test;
- (4) "Authority" means the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority;
- (5) "Award period" means two (2) consecutive academic terms;
- (6) "Base scholarship amount" means that amount earned by an eligible high school student pursuant to KRS 164.7879 in each academic year as determined by the grade point average earned and reported by the high school at the end of the academic year;
- (7) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education created under KRS 164.011;
- (8) "Eligible high school student" means any person who:
  - (a) Is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States and Kentucky resident;
  - (b) Was enrolled after July 1, 1998:
    1. In a Kentucky high school for at least one hundred forty (140) days of the minimum school term unless exempted by the authority's executive director upon documentation of extreme hardship, while meeting the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship curriculum requirements, and was enrolled in a Kentucky high school at the end of the academic year; or
    2. In a Kentucky high school for the fall academic term of the senior year and who:
      - a. Was enrolled during the entire academic term;
      - b. Completed the high school's graduation requirements during the fall academic term; and
      - c. Was not enrolled in a secondary school during any other academic term of that academic year; and
    3. Has a grade point average of 2.5 or above at the end of any academic year beginning after July 1, 1998, or at the end of the fall academic term for a student eligible under subparagraph 2. of this paragraph; and
  - (c) Is not a convicted felon;
- (9) "Eligible postsecondary student" means a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States and Kentucky resident, as determined by the participating

institution in accordance with criteria established by the council for the purposes of admission and tuition assessment, who:

- (a) Earned a Kentucky educational excellence scholarship base, supplemental, or base and supplemental final award;
  - (b) Has the required postsecondary G.P.A. required under KRS 164.7881;
  - (c) Has remaining semesters of eligibility under KRS 164.7881;
  - (d) Is enrolled in a participating institution as a part-time or full-time student; and
  - (e) Is not a convicted felon;
- (10) "Full-time student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary program of study that meets the full-time student requirements of the participating institution in which the student is enrolled;
- (11) "Grade point average" means the grade point average earned by an eligible student and reported by the high school or participating institution in which the student was enrolled based on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent if the high school or participating institution that the student attends does not use the 4.0 grade scale;
- (12) "High school" means any Kentucky public high school, and any private, parochial, or church school located in Kentucky that has been certified by the Kentucky Board of Education as voluntarily complying with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education under KRS 156.160;
- (13) "KEES" means Kentucky educational excellence scholarship;
- (14) "KEES curriculum" means five (5) courses of study, except for students who meet the criteria of subsection (8)(b)2. of this section, in an academic year as determined in accordance with an administrative regulation promulgated by the council;
- (15) "Kentucky educational excellence scholarship" means a scholarship provided under KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885;
- (16) "Kentucky educational excellence scholarship trust fund" means the Wallace G. Wilkinson Kentucky educational excellence scholarship trust fund;
- (17) "Maximum award amount" means the sum of the base scholarship amount earned by an eligible high school student in each academic year of high school study plus any supplemental award earned by an eligible high school student or earned pursuant to KRS 164.7879(3)(c). The amount so determined shall be the maximum amount available to the eligible postsecondary student for any award period;
- (18) "Participating institution" means an "institution" as defined in KRS 164.001 that actively participates in the federal Pell Grant program, executes a contract with the authority on terms the authority deems necessary or appropriate for the administration of its programs, and:
- (a) 1. Is publicly operated; or
  - 2. Is licensed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has operated for at least ten (10) years, offers an associate or baccalaureate degree program of study not comprised solely of sectarian instruction, and admits as regular students only high school graduates or recipients of a general

equivalency diploma or students transferring from another accredited degree granting institution; or

3. Is designated by the Council on Postsecondary Education as an approved out-of-state institution that offers a degree program in a field of study that is not offered at any institution in the Commonwealth; and
- (b) Continues to commit financial resources to student financial assistance programs;
- (19) "Part-time student" means a student enrolled in a postsecondary program of study who does not meet the full-time student requirements of the participating institution in which the student is enrolled and who is enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours or the equivalent for an institution that does not use credit hours; and
- (20) "Supplemental award" means commitment of scholarship funds under KRS 164.7879(3).

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**Legislative Research Commission Note** (6/24/2003). This section was amended by 2003 Ky. Acts ch. 180 and included in 2003 Ky. Acts ch. 115. These two enactments do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.

**Legislative Research Commission Note** (7/14/2000). This section was amended by 2000 Ky. Acts chs. 13, 198, and 382. Where these Acts are not in conflict, they have been codified together. Where a conflict exists, Acts ch. 198, which was last enacted by the General Assembly, prevails under KRS 446.250.